

COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY VESSEL SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(CFIVSAC)

Risk Management Subcommittee

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TASK STATEMENT 07-02 ACTION SHEET

TASK TITLE: RISK MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION & PLAN

DESCRIPTION OF TASK: At the 26th meeting of the Committee, it was determined to form a standing committee on Risk Management. Since risk taking and risk acceptance by commercial fishermen has been identified as a contributor to the high injury and fatality rates, attacking the culture of “risk” has the potential to lead to non-regulatory means of reducing injury and fatality rates and contributing to a safer working environment within the commercial fishing industry. The subcommittee is to embark on a long-term approach to improving risk management within the commercial fishing industry.

BACKGROUND: Risk management has become recognized as a means of empowering employees to accomplish missions in a more “systematic” way. Many organizations have plans, methods, and tools to approach the workplace and even mission accomplishment in a predetermined set of risk evaluations. Regulators in the United Kingdom require risk assessments of commercial fishing operations conducted by vessel personnel. The Coast Guard has developed a four volume series of tools aimed at applying risk management: a) Risk-based Decision-Making Navigator; b) Introduction to Risk-Based Decision Making; c) Procedures for Assessing Risk; and d) Resources for Risk-Based Decision Making. And there are many other references that will illuminate other approaches. For starters, please see:

- A. <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g%2Dm/risk/>
- B. <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mse/mse1-risk.htm>
- C. <http://www.mitre.org/work/sepo/toolkits/risk/ToolsTechniques/RiskMatrix.html>
- D. <http://www.seafishmarineservices.com/FVSF.htm>

While a truly academic approach to improving safety within the commercial fishing industry can bear fruit and has some appeal to a portion of the population, the intention of the Committee’s approach is not focused in this area. Rather, the results of academic work should be translated into useful tools, methods, and practices for the industry that are easy to understand and use. Without this last element implementation throughout the industry will be hampered.

TASKS: In order to achieve long-term success of this Subcommittee, the following tasks are assigned.

- 1 Develop a Mission Statement and Guiding Principles. A draft document is included as Annex 1 to this task statement.
- 2 Develop a 5-year plan of attack and include milestones and end products of efforts

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Annex to Task 07-02

MISSION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Advisory Committee
Risk Management Subcommittee**

The Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Advisory Committee (CFIVSAC) hereby establishes the Risk Management Subcommittee as a standing Subcommittee.

The Mission of the Risk Management Subcommittee is to improve safety and health within the commercial fishing industry by developing methodologies, tools, and strategies to assist commercial fishing industry stakeholders in understanding and managing risks associated with commercial fishing.

The Subcommittee shall make recommendations to the CFIVSAC for the purpose of improving communication between the Coast Guard and the commercial fishing industry stakeholders. The Subcommittee shall respond to specific task assignments requested by the Coast Guard or the Chair of the CFVISAC.

In carrying out its work the following guiding principles apply:

1. The Subcommittee shall be comprised of at least five members of the CFIVSAC and shall elect a Subcommittee Chair who shall serve as such for the duration of his/her term on the CFIVSAC or until a replacement is elected.
2. The Subcommittee may invite participation from other interested parties; however voting on the recommendations to the CFIVSAC may be conducted only by members of the Subcommittee.
3. Meetings of the Subcommittee shall occur at regular meeting of the CFIVSAC at a minimum. Additional meetings may be called by the Subcommittee Chair or at the request of the CFIVSAC Chair of the Coast Guard.
4. Meetings of the Subcommittee shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order and the Chair shall organize and conduct the meetings. In the absence of the Chairman, another person from the standing subcommittee shall act as Subcommittee Chair as decided by consensus of remaining Subcommittee members.